Suggestion made by Chairman, Press Council of India

3804. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION & BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government agree with the suggestion made by the Chairman, Press Council of India, for the Indian Journalists recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the suggestion and what is Government's reaction thereon, stating the decision, if any, taken/proposed to be taken in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Government have learned of these through newspaper reports. However, the Chairman, Press Council of India has not yet made any formal suggestion to the Government.

Regional Staff Training Institute for Air/ Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar

3805. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been a proposal to set up eastern regional staff training institute for All India Radio and Doordarshan at Bhubaneshwar and the State Government has already allotted 10.14 acres of land for this ;

(b) how much is the fund allocated for the civil work to be completed; and

(c) what is the time frame during which this institute will be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) An amount of Rs. 140 lakh has been allocated for civil works for 1994-95 for the Staff Training Institute, Bhubaneshwar which is expected to be ready during 1996-97.

Second Channel of Doordarshan in Orissa

3806. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are considering to provide second channel for Doordarshan during the first year of Eighth Five Year Plan in Orissa; and

(b) if so, where Government propose to set up the second channel ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) A High Power TV Transmitter has already been commissioned into service at Cuttack for telecast of Metro Channel programmes of Doordarshan w.e.f. 1-4-1994.

Announcers in Doordarshan and AIR

3807. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :

SHRI J. S. RAJU :

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what are the norms followed in selection of announcers in T.V. and All India Radio;

(b) how many posts were filled up by backward, most backward and Scheduled Caste candidates from 1990 to 1993, year-wise;

(c) if not, why;

(d) what is the total number of posts in Doordarshan and All India Radio; and

(e) how many of them belong to forward castes and the details of their selection from 1990 to 1993, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) The norms followed in selection of announcers in All India Radio and Doordarshan are as under :

All India Radio

1. Degree from recognised University.
2. Voice suited for broadcasting.
3. Fluency of the language relevant to the vacancy.
4. Acquaintance with music, drama and literature of the area concerned.

5. Knowledge of current affairs.

Doordarshan

The recruitment to the post of Presentation Announcer has been discontinued since 1980 and only casual announcers fulfilling the following are engaged :

1. Degree from recognised University.
2. Fluency of the language relevant to the vacancy.
3. Knowledge of current affairs.
4. Should pass audition/camera test.

(b) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Broadcast/Telecast of regional language programmes in Hindi speaking states

3808. SHRI J. S. RAJU :
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN :
SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) what steps are being taken to propagate Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam regional languages in Hindi speaking belts through T.V. and Radio;

(b) if steps are being taken, whether he is aware that imposition of Hindi on non-Hindi speaking States will have its own bad and unwarranted repercussions;

(c) whether he is also aware that the national programmes must be broadcast in regional languages as well to bring national unity ; and

(d) if so, when this programme is supposed to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Programmes in regional languages being telecast/broadcast on the satellite/sky channel of Doordarshan and All India Radio can now be received all over the country through the use of any appropriate dish antenna.

(c) and (d) The existing programme format of AIR and Doordarshan besides furthering the cause of national unity also provides adequate outlets for the programmes in the regional languages. There is no proposal at present to make any changes in this regard.

Repetition of Doordarshan serials

3809. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state :

(a) whether any decision has been taken regarding telecasting of TV serials pending with Doordarshan last year and selection of new serials;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) which are the serials being repeated on National and Metro networks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO) : (a) and (b) Selection of serials and their telecast is a continuous activity and depends on the programme requirements of Doordarshan from time to time.

(c) The following serials are being repeated on the National and Metro network of Doordarshan :

(1) Zameen Aasman
(2) The Great Maratha
(3) Dekh Bhai Dekh
(4) Junoon.

गुजरात से प्रकाशित किये जाने वाले समाचार पत्र और पत्रिकाएं

3810. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गुजरात से प्रकाशित किये जा रहे दैनिक, साप्ताहिक, पाक्षिक और मासिक समाचार पत्रों एवम् पत्रिकाओं की भाषा-वार कुल संख्या कितनी है और उनका अलग-अलग परिचालन कितना-कितना है;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान वर्षवार प्रत्येक समाचार पत्र को कितनी-कितनी धनराशि के विज्ञापन दिये गए थे ; और

(ग) सरकार विज्ञापनों के प्रकाशन संबंधी प्रस्तावों और समाचार पत्रों एवं पत्रिकाओं के विनियमन के संबंध में क्या नीति अपना रही है ?